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AND THEIR USE AS LOW VISCOSITY BINDERS AND MODIFIERS IN

COATING COMPOSITIONS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the final Office Action of January 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request amendment and reconsideration of the above-referenced application as follows:

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